

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 12, 1848.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. JOHNSON, of Louisiana, made the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. No. 78.]

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the documents relating to the claim of Elizabeth Pistole, for a pension, report:*

That this case received the favorable consideration of the Committee on Pensions at the last session of Congress, who made a report thereon, which is now adopted and made a part of this report, as follows:

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES--January 15, 1847.

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom were referred the documents relating to the claim of Elizabeth Pistole, widow of Charles Pistole, deceased, report:*

That at the last session of the Senate, the Committee on Pensions had this case under consideration, and made a favorable report thereon, hereto annexed and made a part of this report. The committee see no reason to reverse the decision of the former committee on this claim, and report a bill for relief of the petitioner.

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES--July 28, 1846.

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom were referred the documents relating to the claim of Elizabeth Pistole, widow of Charles Pistole, deceased, a revolutionary soldier, and in obedience to a resolution of the Senate, report:*

That the only obstacle in the way of her getting a pension, without applying to Congress, is the want of such direct proof of her

marriage as the Commissioner of Pensions considers necessary to justify him in allowing it. All the testimony necessary to prove the claim in other respects, it would seem, has been produced; and she is required only to "produce satisfactory evidence of her marriage with that soldier (Charles Pistole) prior to January, 1794, before a successful examination of her claim can be made."

While the committee approve the course of the Commissioner, whose duty it is to exact a rigid compliance with the requirements of the pension laws, they regard the evidence produced by the petitioner, as to her being the wife of Charles Pistole, sufficiently strong to entitle her to the special legislation of Congress, and report a bill for her relief.